

Pressurised Pesticide Bombs

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Summary Lists the precautions that should be taken when using pesticide bombs.

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PRESSURISED PESTICIDE "BOMBS"

Four serious incidents earlier this year have involved pressurised pesticide "bombs". One of these occurred in a nursing home.

Consumers purchasing the do-it-yourself pest control packs are urged to follow the directions on the can. The propellant is hydrocarbon based and therefore highly flammable.

The following precautions should be taken when such "bombs" are in use:

- * Carefully follow directions on the can;
- * Ensure that all electrical appliances, lights, and refrigerators are shut off;
- * Ensure that any pilot lights and naked flames are extinguished;
- * The electrical power to the building should be shut down by the main switch.

Further details are contained in the attached media release issued by the NSW Fire Brigades.

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Director-General